GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF DISEASES ON TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the current outbreak of Dengue and Chikungunya diseases is likely to have any impact on foreign tourists visiting India ; and

(b) If so, the precautionary measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE AND THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a):The tourist arrival figures do not reflect any impact of Dengue and Chikungunya. The arrival figures for the corresponding months from May to October are as under:

Month	2005	2006	Percent. Change
May	229172	262860	+14.7
June	258822	286257	+10.6
July	292345	331227	+13.3
August	270779	299211	+10.5
Sept.	252625	276118	+9.3
October	347757	394009	+13.3

(b): The Ministry has suitably briefed all its overseas offices on the situation and advised them to liaise with concerned agencies and discerning tourists and take necessary steps in order to counteract any negative impact. Appropriate information has also been hosted on official website of the Ministry.